



WEEK ONE – DECEMBER 2025 – TODDLERS

Bible Story: *Jesus is Born | Luke 2:1-7*

Key Question: *How do we know God loves us?*

Bottom Line: *God gave us Jesus*

Memory Verse: *“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son” – John 3:16 GNT*

Basic Truth: *God loves you*

Series Overview: The shapes we’re talking about this month are so much more than just hearts, squares, circles, and stars. They are fun ways to help preschoolers remember the true story of Christmas. Hearts remind us that “God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son” (John 3:16, GNT). Squares look like a gift, and Jesus is absolutely the best gift ever. Circles remind us of fluffy sheep, and God sent angels to announce His great gift to shepherds who were watching their sheep. Then God put a special star in the sky to lead wise men to come worship young Jesus.

LARGE GROUP

STORY TIME

Gather children at the tables to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Bible

What You Say:

“Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is the true story of Christmas! Merry Christmas, everyone! Our story begins when Mary and Joseph traveled a long, long way to the town of Bethlehem.

“Mary was about to have a baby so she may have ridden a donkey. Once Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, they stayed in a place that had a manger. A manger is something animals eat out of. So there might have been some animals there too! This is where a very special baby was born, God’s Son, Jesus! Mary wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that [**Bottom Line**] **God gave us Jesus.**”

SMALL GROUP

CRAFT TIME

What You Need: “Handprint Manger” Activity Page; “Handprint Manger Jesus” Activity Page; cardstock; paper plates; paint brushes; brown paint; baby wipes

What You Do:

- Help cover each child’s hand with brown paint and press down in the center of their paper.
- Clean hands.
- Help children add their Jesus cutout to the center of their handprint.

What You Say:

“Jesus was born in a place with a manger. Let’s make a manger with your handprint. I’ll paint your whole hand brown then we’ll place it on your paper upside down to make a handprint manger! *(Paint child’s hand and press it on their paper with the fingers pointing down. Clean hands.)* Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and laid him in the manger. Press your picture of baby Jesus on your handprint. *(Pause.)* Great job! Jesus is the best gift ever! God loves us so much that ***[Bottom Line]*** God gave us Jesus.”